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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES AND MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) There is established a task force to
4 study injury prevention and safety protocols in youth sports leagues
5 and intramural and interscholastic athletic programs. The task force
6 shall (1) analyze (A) the efficacy and safety of the use of protective neck
7 guards in youth, intramural and interscholastic ice hockey, and (B) best
8 practices for injury prevention and safety protocols, and compare such
9 best practices to existing practices across the state in order to identify
10 areas for improvement, and (2) make recommendations for the
11 implementation of a state-wide system of injury prevention and safety
12 protocol review, including, but not limited to, requirements that (A)
13 such leagues and programs shall make public their injury prevention
14 practices and safety protocols and any amendments to such practices
15 and protocols, and report such practices, protocols and amendments to

16 the Department of Public Health, and (B) the Department of Public
17 Health shall meet annually with representatives of youth sports leagues
18 and intramural and interscholastic athletic programs to discuss best
19 practices for injury prevention and safety protocols.

20 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

21 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
22 one of whom has expertise in sports medicine and one of whom has
23 expertise in neuroscience;

24 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
25 whom has expertise in sports psychology and one of whom is a
26 representative of a municipal youth sports league;

27 (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of
28 Representatives, one of whom is a member of the General Assembly and
29 one of whom is a representative of a municipal park and recreation
30 department that is a member of the Connecticut Recreation and Parks
31 Association;

32 (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of whom
33 is a representative of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic
34 Conference and one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut
35 Athletic Trainers' Association;

36 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
37 Representatives, one of whom is a representative of the Connecticut
38 Association of Athletic Directors and one of whom is a representative of
39 the Connecticut High School Coaches Association;

40 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of whom
41 is a member of the General Assembly and one of whom is a
42 representative of the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools;

43 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
44 designee; and

45 (8) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee.

46 (c) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
47 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
48 be filled by the appointing authority.

49 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
50 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairperson of the task force
51 from among the members of the task force. Such chairperson shall
52 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later
53 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

54 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
55 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children
56 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

57 (f) Not later than January 1, 2023, the task force shall submit a report
58 on its findings and recommendations concerning subparagraph (A) of
59 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing
60 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
61 relating to children, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
62 of the general statutes.

63 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report
64 on its findings and recommendations concerning subparagraph (B) of
65 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, and subdivision (2) of
66 subsection (a) of this section, to the joint standing committee of the
67 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, in
68 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.
69 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits a report
70 pursuant to this subsection or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

71 Sec. 502. (*Effective January 1, 2023*) Any youth athletic program
72 operated by a private entity may adopt the recommendations of the task
73 force to study injury prevention and safety protocols in youth sports
74 leagues and intramural and interscholastic athletic programs
75 established pursuant to section 501 of this act in developing such

76 program's injury prevention and safety protocols."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section
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Sec. 502	<i>January 1, 2023</i>	New section
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